Supply of dress materials to ONGC employ ees

2278. SHRI BIR BHADRA PRATAP SINGH: Will the Minister of PETRO LEUM be pleased t_0 state:

(a), whether .any final decision has been taken so far on the tenders for supply of various types of dress materials for summer and winter uniforms for the employees of Oil and Natural Ga_s Commission;

(b) whether any of the public Sector Organisation/Company has participated in such tenders;

(c) whether any price concession over other tenders has been given to such public sector Undertakings in the matter of material supply to ONGC; and

(d) if so, the fact thereof and the action proposed to b_e taken to procure the materials from Public Sector Undertakings?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM (SHRI NAWAL KISHORE SHARMA): (a) to (d) $Yes_($ Sir. Orders have been placed by ONGC on M/s. National Textile Corporation, New Delhi for supply of Summer Uniforms (Terycotton suitings) and on M/s. Cawnpore Wollen Mills. Kanpur for supply of Winter Uhforms (Woollen j suitings cloth). Both these organisations are in Public Sector. The price concession upto the prescribed limit has been allowed in respect of these organisations for supply of uniform materials. Purchase of other dress material has not yet been finalised.

Seismic Survey for Petrol Exploration in Bhuvanagiri

2279. SHRI N. RAJANGAM: Will th_e Minister of PETROLEUM be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that seismic survey was conducted by Government two years ago for petroleum I exploration in Bhuvanagiri and Por-tonovo Offshore Sea (Bay of Bengal) in Cauvery basin in Tamil Nadu;

(b) if so, whether th_e Bhuvanagiri , and Portonovo Offshore Sea areas were found to bo suitable for petro-| leum exploration;

(c) $Ye_{S)}$ Sir. In Bhuvanagiri area:;, pose to start exploration work in these areas; and

(d) if net. what are the reasons thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM (SHRI NAWAL KISHORE SHARMA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sr.

(c) Yes, Sir. In Bhuvanagiri areas, two locations have been identified for drilling. In Portonovo Offshore area, additional seismic data was recently acquired. Future exploration depends on the analysis of this data.

(d) Does not arise.

Institution for Unedrtaking New Research Activities

2280. SHRI G. SWAMY NAIK:
PROF. B. RAMACHANDRA RAO:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM be pleased to $_s$tate:

(a) whether ONGC proposes to set up new Institutions in the country for undertaking research activities in the field of oil and natural gas; and

(b) if so, what are the details of such new Institutions?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM (SHRI NAWAL KISHORE SHARMA); (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) ONGC is in the process of setting up two new institutes, namely, Institute of Production Technology and Institute of Engineering and Ocean Technology, both at PanVel, Bombay,